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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Haas on 2/16/2003.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

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30. (Amended) An isolated host cell comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim ¹27 or

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31. (Amended) The isolated host cell of claim ⁴30, wherein the host cell is a prokaryotic host cell or a eukaryotic host cell.

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33. (Amended) An isolated host cell comprising the vector of claim ⁶32.

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34. (Amended) The isolated host cell of claim ⁷33, wherein the host cell is a prokaryotic host cell or a eukaryotic host cell.

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36. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of
SEQ ID NO: [31] 32.

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43. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes to [a nucleic acid
molecule encoded by] the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31 under the following
conditions: 7% SDS, 0.5 M sodium phosphate buffer at pH 7.2, 1 nM EDTA, pH 8.0 and 55° C,
wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes an amino acid sequence which causes the firing of an
olfactory neuron when stimulated.

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44. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes to [a nucleic acid
molecule encoded by] the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31 under the following
conditions: 7% SDS, 0.5 M sodium phosphate buffer at pH 7.2, 1 nM EDTA, pH 8.0 and 65° C,
wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes an amino acid sequence which causes the firing of an
olfactory neuron when stimulated.

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45. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a fragment of at least 25
consecutive amino acids of SEQ ID NO: [31] 32, wherein the fragment has odorant receptor
activity, or is capable of generating an antibody which binds SEQ ID NO: 32.

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Advisory Information


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